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Proposed new claim:

9. (Previously Presented) A method for backing up data stored in files as the data is updated, the method comprising:

updating one of the files;

temporarily storing a copy of the updated file (mirroring);

comparing the copy of the updated file with the file prior to updating;

storing the differences in the copy of the updated file (versioning) along with a time-stamp and a date-stamp;
and

repeating the foregoing steps each time one of the files is updated.